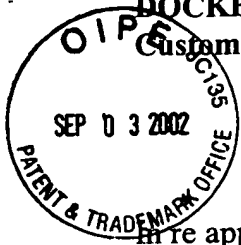


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In re application of: : CHARLES R. SPINNER, III ET AL
Serial No. : 09/871,463
Filed : May 31, 2001
For : BARRIER FILM DEPOSITION OVER METAL FOR
REDUCTION IN METAL DISHING AFTER CMP
Group No. : 2815
Examiner : M.E. Warren

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: